

ES Newsletter, Week of Oct 15, 2007

ON CAMPUS EVENTS

Visual Art 190 – Architectural Design I Show
October 8-29
Kresge Gallery, Lower level of VAC

Work by Professor Wiebke Theodore's Architectural Design I students on display.

Also, if you might be interested in joining Bowdoin's Architecture club, BAD, contact Wiebke Theodore at wtheodor@bowdoin.edu.

Monitoring Biodiversity in the Tropics: Operation Wallescea
Follow-up and fundraising mtg
Mon. Oct. 15 7:00 pm
Boody-Johnson House (256 Maine St)

For more information about Operation Wallescea, follow the link below:
<http://opwall.com>

University of Minnesota School of Architecture
Tuesday, Oct. 23 12:00
ES Common Room, Boody Johnson House
Find out about Graduate & Professional Studies in:

- Architecture
- Sustainable Design
- Heritage Preservation

OFF CAMPUS EVENTS

Talk by Cam Collyer of the Canadian Evergreen Foundation
Thursday, October 18, 6pm
Breakwater School, 856 Brighton Avenue, Portland

Go to www.evergreen.ca to see the amazing programs Mr. Collyer and colleagues have created in Toronto and across Canada. The talk will be followed by a lively forum on greening policy with municipal decision-makers.

Smart Growth Workshop
Thursday, October 18, 6:30pm - 9:00pm
AND
Monday, October 22, 7pm - 9pm
Brunswick High School, 116 Maquoit Road

In this two-part workshop, we will be applying the principles of Smart Growth to the preferred draft BNAS Master Reuse Plan. Please plan on attending both workshops.

Grow Smart Summit Friday, October 19

Augusta Civic Center

Keynote: Ronald Heifetz, cofounder of Center for Public Leadership at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government

The web page for the summit is: <http://www.growsmartmaine.org/programs/summit.asp>

Grow Smart Maine is offering full scholarships to attend this summit in October. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, contact Lisa Fahay at Grow Smart Maine lfahay@growsmartmaine.org

Maine Project Learning Tree Annual Conference October 19 & 20

Tanglewood 4H Camp, Lincolnville

Maine Project Learning Tree invites you to join their annual conference reunion and 30th anniversary luncheon celebration weekend at Tanglewood. The 2007 Anniversary conference overnight offers Maine PLT alumni facilitators and interested newcomers a chance to enjoy Tanglewood with old and new friends, learn about recent state and national events, and share all that you've done since last we met!

Registration Fees: Annual Conference & 30th Anniversary Luncheon – includes overnight through Saturday lunch (Check-in Friday at 4:00): \$50 OR 30th Anniversary Luncheon ONLY (Saturday 12:30-2:30): \$10. Registration deadline 9/28.

Scholarship Info and Questions: 207-626-7990 or e-mail meplt@gwi.net.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Mellon International Student Fellowships Environmental Studies Program

The Mellon International Student Fellowships provide Environmental Studies majors and minors with funds for travel, research and living expenses to engage in international environmental research based in a country or region where the student has previously studied, had an internship, or been on a service program. Mellon International Student Fellowships will not exceed \$3,500. The fellowship supports the following opportunities:

- Students who have participated in a study abroad semester in the fall semester and would like to return the following summer of their junior year to continue research on a topic examined as part of their academic program.
- Students who are planning to study abroad during the spring semester of their junior year and have identified a research interest prior to departing campus and would like to extend their stay in the country of interest to conduct research. In certain cases, students can coordinate an application while abroad, however, this is not encouraged
- Other student research projects under special circumstances, with approval by ESCOM

To qualify, students must meet the following criteria.

1. The student must be sponsored or cosponsored by an Environmental Studies faculty member
2. The students' research work will support either an Honors or advanced (400 level) Independent Study project. Arrangements for the Honors or Independent Study project must be made with the faculty advisor before award of the Fellowship
3. The fellowship is not for the purpose of supporting study abroad programs.
4. The student must identify a sponsoring organization in the country of interest who will assist with arranging housing and other logistics for the student, and a contact person within the organization. The organization must confirm these arrangements prior to final award of the fellowship.
5. The student must make a public presentation of their research upon return to campus.

Research proposals should consist of:

A description of the proposed research and explanation of how it ties both into the students' study abroad experience and proposed Honors/Independent Study, the name of the sponsoring organization in the country of interest, a travel itinerary, a letter of support from an Environmental Studies faculty member, and a budget.

Two annual deadlines:

November 15

April 1

If you are interested, please contact Eileen Johnson at ejohnson@bowdoin.edu

Orion Grassroot Network

Job and Internship listings

<http://www.orionsociety.org/pages/ogn/viewposition.cfm?action=newpostings>

Design Competition for Sustainability

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requests proposals for the 5th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet. P3 is a partnership between the public and private sectors to foster progress toward sustainability by achieving the mutual goals of economic prosperity, planet protection, and improved quality of life. P3 supports R&D and design solutions to real world challenges involving sustainability. Areas of interest include: Energy, Water, the Built Environment, Agriculture, Materials and Chemistry, and Information Technology. In Phase 1, \$550K expected to be available, 55 awards anticipated. Responses due 12/20/07. For more info, contact Cynthia Nolt-Helms at nolt-helms.cynthia@epa.gov or go to:

http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_p3.html.

Refer to Sol# EPA-G2008-P3. (Grants.gov 9/5/07)

CONTEST: Create a video promoting electric cars and you could win \$1000 scholarship and Bowdoin could win an electric car!

MILES Revolution is a large-scale action program aimed at broadly communicating the gravity of the pollution caused by internal combustion engines and the solution that electric vehicles present. A university specific interpretive art competition will allow college students to push the limits of their creativity and compete to win an electric car for their school and a cash scholarship for themselves.

The rules of the contest are simple. College students must view the *MILES Revolution* video on YouTube and interpret it in their own, unique style through any medium of expression. However, student interpretations must be recorded and uploaded on YouTube. Contestant videos need to somehow incorporate the “No Gas Required” logo or tagline and have an overarching sustainability theme.

The five students whose videos garner the most views on YouTube will each be awarded a \$1000 cash scholarship and a *MILES Revolution* low speed vehicle for their school.

Eligibility:

To qualify for consideration in the *MILES Revolution* Video Contest, entries must meet the following criteria:

1. **Student Participation:** Students must be enrolled at least part-time at an accredited U.S. college or university.
2. **Message & Artistic Merit:** Each entry must be an original work of art—your style, your message, your medium of choice—with a clear “No Gas Required” electric vehicle sustainability theme. Submissions must demonstrate quality thought, planning, and artistic effort.
3. **Format & Public Visibility:** Your video must adhere to the *MILES Revolution* format guidelines in order to be uploaded to YouTube.

Important Dates:

- ♣ Video Submissions Accepted: September 15 – November 15, 2007
- ♣ YouTube Video Voting: November 16 – December 16, 2007
- ♣ Winners Announced: January 4, 2008
- ♣ On-Campus Award Presentation: January 16, 2008

For details go to: <http://www.nogasrequired.com/docs/contestoverview.pdf>

Chill Out: Campus Solutions to Global Warming National Competition

Entries Due November 30

National Wildlife Federation’s second annual national competition, **Chill Out: Campus Solutions to Global Warming**, is one of the key ways that NWF and partners are working to advance and recognize innovators of global warming solutions on campuses all across the country. Through energy efficiency, renewable energy, habitat restoration and transportation, students, faculty and staff are leading the way. The purpose of the competition is to highlight positive, practical solutions to global warming on campus and to share these with a national audience. Enter your project to win grant money and a feature in our multimedia broadcast on April 16, 2008. STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF are all eligible to enter the written OR video contest!

To enter Chill Out, go to: www.nwf.org/chillout

All Entries Due November 30

Power Shift 2007: Igniting our Generation
November 2nd – 5th
University of Maryland – College Park
www.powershift07.org

Power Shift 2007 will be the first-ever national youth summit on global warming. Thousands of

young people from across the country will hear from leaders and experts in the global warming movement such as invited speakers former Vice President Al Gore, Majora Carter of Sustainable South Bronx, James Hansen and comedian Jon Stewart. In workshops such as "Leadership Development" and "Working with the Media" students will also learn skills of organizing and activism from the best in the business. The summit culminates on Monday with a rally on Capitol Hill.

Learn more about Power Shift and register for the summit at www.powershift07.org. To volunteer to become a recruiter for your campus call Vanessa at 877-328-1633, or email vanessapowershift2007@gmail.com.

It is our generation that will face the consequences of not acting to halt global warming now, and it will be our vision, our will and our power that finally tips the balance in the global warming struggle.

"If global emissions of carbon dioxide continue to rise, there will be disastrous effects. **We are getting close to a tipping point.**"

- James Hansen, Director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, June 2007.